

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 02, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a).

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 4.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horvath, et al., (US Patent No. 5,450,599) in view of Nukiyama (U.S. Patent No. 4,658,354). The Examiner rejected claims 5-7 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horvath, et al., (US Patent No. 5,450,599) in view of Nukiyama (U.S. Patent No. 4,658,354), and in further view of Morrison, et al., (US Patent No. 4,985,766). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for the following reasons.

Neither Horvath, Nukiyama, nor Morrison, taken alone or in combination suggest or render obvious a parser, which prepares a pipeline for processing.

Horvath does not specifically disclose a pipeline that can be prepared for processing at one or more stages.

The Examiner asserts that Nukiyama discloses a pipeline where a portion of the new data words are capable of being used to prepare the pipeline for processing. Even, if Nukiyama discloses a pipeline where a portion of the new

data words are capable of being used to prepare the pipeline for processing, Nukiyama does not disclose a parser used in connection with any of the stages. Instead, Nukiyama provides a "pipeline processing apparatus including a circuit which can directly set data in any arbitrary pipeline latch." (Column 2, Lines 40-43).

In contrast the present invention uses a parser in the stages configured to use the tokens to prepare the stages for processing. As such, the present independent claims 1 and 4 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by any of Horvath, Nukiyama or Morrison taken alone or in combination. With regard to claims 5-7, Applicant asserts that since independent claims 1 and 4 are in a condition for allowance, so are dependent claims 5-7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


In view of the amendments and remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1175.

Respectfully submitted,

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